

Circular.

Head quarters, Pecks hill, Sept. 2. 1781. ²⁷⁶42

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the inclosed from his Excellency the Commander in chief, which was brought here the last evening by express.

The militia are coming in - but their numbers are as yet inconsiderable. I request they may be completed to the number mentioned in his Excellency's letter, without the least delay. Your Excellency can best determine whether a sufficient number have already marched.

I also request that the salted provisions may be pushed on with all possible expedition, with a quantity of rum. The troops are to this time destitute of the latter.

In a letter just received from his Excellency General Washington, dated at Trenton the 29.th ultimo, he observes,

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"It is pretty certain that the british fleet
of 15 sail of the line are arriv'd at the Hook
from the West Indies." — I think it is more than
probable that the french fleet have also arriv'd
at the place of their destination, with a force
safely superior to that of the british in these
seas.

I congratulate your Excellency on the
safe return of colonel Laurens from France,
and the successes of his embassy — which cannot
fail to give new vigor to all our operations.

I shall do myself the honor of commu-
nicating to your Excellency from time to time
any interesting events that may happen in
this quarter — and rest assur'd of every support
from your state, which the exigencies of the
service may at any time require.

I have the honor to be

With the highest respect

Your Excellency's

Most obedient servant

W. Heath
Major General

Hon'ble Messrs Weare Esquire.

Genl Heath 2d Sept 1781
Militia, called Provisions &
Rum called for

P.S. The salted Provisions
in your state are not
meant to be included
in the foregoing, the
Rum is. W.H.